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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

New school building for Mahaaungmyay Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe looked into the construction of new building of No. 34 Basic Education Primary School at Thanlyathmaw west ward in Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay Division on 28 August. The new school building measures 90 feet long and 30 feet wide. It is one-storey building with three classrooms and 95 percent have completed. A total of 1,060 students are learning at the school.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects construction of new building for BEPS No. 34 in Mahaaungmyay Township.—MNA

2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The second round of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008 continued here this afternoon.

At Paunglaung Football Grounds, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs won over Ministry of Health 2-1 and Ministry of Transport beat Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Re-

settlement 5-1.

Ministry of Rail Transportation will play against Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw Football Grounds and Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Labour at Paunglaung Football Grounds tomorrow.—MNA

Arctic acts as refrigerator for globe



Arctic ice always melts in summer and refreezes in winter. But more and more ice is being lost and not recovered.

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Talks on “Export-Import License and its Online-application” on 5 Sept

YANGON, 2 Sept—A talk on “Export Import License and its Online-Application” sponsored by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will be held at UMFCI Office Tower on Min-yekyawswa Street in Lanmadaw Township on 5 September.

Acting Director U Min Min of Ministry of Commerce, will give the talks.—MNA

Tailoring courses concluded in Kawthoung

YANGON, 2 Sept—Advanced tailoring course No. 20/2008, basic tailoring course No. 49/2008 and cane and bamboo craft course No. 3/2008 of Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs were concluded at domestic science training schools in Kawthoung Township on 7 August.

Chairman of District Peace and Development Council U Min Aye

Lwin and acting principal of the training school Daw

Tun Hla spoke on the occasion.—MNA

Myanmar’s Endeavours for Literacy

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PERSPECTIVES

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Collaborative efforts essential for boosting per acre yield of crops

This year, Myanmar enjoyed a good rainfall at the beginning of the rainy season. Having put all the targeted acres under monsoon paddy, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady divisions have the potential for boosting paddy production. They have to step up efforts to boost per acre yield of paddy.

Successful paddy seeds of high-yield strains lie at the centre of the drive for boosting paddy output. So, high-yield paddy strains are used on a wider scale. Also important to achieve the goal in growing paddy are use of advanced agricultural methods and utilization of chemical and natural fertilizers in combination.

The government, entrepreneurs and well-wishers provided various sorts of agricultural aid such as paddy seeds, diesel and draught cattle for storm-stricken areas to be able to cultivate monsoon paddy on schedule.

Local farmers in the areas worked hard with the use of the agricultural assistance they had received. So far, they have cultivated paddy on almost all the targeted acres. So, they have to take measures for encouraging new growth of paddy plants and boosting per acre yield.

It is also required to continue to provide agricultural assistance in the paddy season for the plantations to be successful. It is also needed to put fertilizers on the paddy fields two times in a season: when the fields are put under paddy; and when plants are in fruit for the plants to thrive well with successful grains.

Local organizations and departments have to render assistance for ensuring timely utilizataion of necessary agricultural inputs, and local farmers, to plan the time carefully in the crop season so as to achieve the goal of boosting per acre yield.

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Yangon Div opens Performing Arts Competitions



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife present cash award to artistes who have performed during Yangon Division's 16th performing arts competitions. — MNA

YANGON, 2 Sept—The opening ceremony of the 16th Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Division was held at Myanyilar hall of No.2 Basic Education High School of Latha Township yesterday morning. It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing

At the ceremony, Commander Brig-Gen Win

Myint cut the ribbon to open the contest and delivered a speech.

Afterwards, the artistes entertained with songs and dances. The Commander and wife presented a flower basket and cash awards to the artistes and the ceremony was ended.

A total of 398 artistes—144 in amateur level (first class) and 254 in amateur level (second class)—took part in the competitions.

MNA

FIFA, MFF officials designate executive duties

YANGON, 2 Sept— A training course on management and designation of the role and

duties of executives of FIFA member countries was held at National Football Training Centre in Thuwunna, Thimgangyun Township this morning.

Windsor John, Urs Zanitti and David Borja of FIFA gave lectures at the course and President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, General Secretary U Tin Aung and executives attended the course. After the course, President U Zaw Zaw presented gifts to the three course instructors.

The training course held on 1 and 2 September is the first of its kind held by FIFA in Myanmar. A similar course will be held in Cambodia with the participation of President U Zaw Zaw, General Secretary U Tin Aung,

Executives Treasurer U Than Zaw, Referees Committee Chairman U Tin Aung (Goalie), Technique Director U Soe Myint Lwin and Chairman of Committee for Holding Competition U Khin Tun.

NLM

Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept —According to the 11:30 hr MST observation today, the water lvl of Ayeyawady river at Hinthada is 1,346 cm and it has exceeded by 4 cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 1,346 cm during the next 24 hrs.

MNA

President of MFF U Zaw Zaw presents commemorative penant of MFF to an official of FIFA.—NLM



Obama says Palin's family off limits

MONROE (Michigan), 2 Sept — Sen Barack Obama said firmly that families are off-limits in the campaign for president, reacting to news that GOP running mate Sarah Palin's 17-year-old daughter is pregnant.

"Let me be as clear as possible," Obama said. "I think people's families are off-limits, and people's children are especially off-limits. This shouldn't be part of our politics. It has no relevance to Gov. Palin's performance as governor or her potential performance as a vice president."

Obama said reporters should "back off these kinds of stories" and noted that he was born to an 18-year-old

mother.

"How a family deals with issues and teenage children, that shouldn't be the topic of our politics, and I hope that anybody who is supporting me understands that's off-limits."—*Internet*



Barack Obama.

Japan's Aso 'ready' for PM role

TOKYO, 2 Sept —Taro Aso, secretary general of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, has said he is ready to replace Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda.

"I believe that I am qualified to take over Mr Fukuda's agenda," Mr Aso said.

Mr Aso, 67, who has long been a rival to Mr Fukuda, had been made secretary general of the LDP only last month.



Mr Taro Aso.

INTERNET

This was not the first time he had been given the post - he went from being foreign minister to becoming party secretary general under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in

August 2007.

Known for his conservative views, he has advocated a tough line towards North Korea and rejects changing the law to allow women to ascend the throne.

He is also seen as a charismatic figure who is known to love Japanese manga cartoons, was an Olympic sharpshooter, and comes from a family of political blue-bloods.

Internet

Person dies in Thai protests Army takes to streets, state of emergency declared in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 2 Sept, — Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej declared a state of emergency in Bangkok today and gave the Army control of public order after overnight clashes between pro- and anti-government protesters.

Later, the Election Commission recommended that the ruling People Power Party be disbanded, but a final court ruling could take months.

The commission said the party bought votes in December's election, dealing another blow to Samak's shaky coalition.

Under the emergency, public gatherings in the capital will be banned and media reports that "undermined public security" will be restricted.

However, leaders of the anti-government protest movement that has occupied the prime minister's official compound for a

week said they would not move.

"There are not enough jails to put us all into," said Chamlong Srimuang, a leader of People's Alliance for Democracy.

At least one man was killed and 34 hurt in clashes between pro- and anti-

government demonstrators near the Government House compound, the worst violence since the alliance launched its street campaign in May. About 400 soldiers armed with truncheons and shields were sent to back up police struggling to contain the skirmishes.—*Internet*

A pro-government demonstrator, centre, is tackled by anti-government protesters in Bangkok, Tuesday.



Palin's teen daughter is pregnant



Bristol Palin, second from right, holds infant brother Trig at Friday's announcement of their mother's candidacy.—INTERNET

ST PAUL (Minnesota), 2 Sept — John McCain's running mate, Sarah Palin, dealt with two startling disclosures Monday. She announced that her 17-year-old unmarried daughter is pregnant and plans to keep the baby. And Palin has hired a lawyer as Alaska investigates the firing of her public safety commissioner.

Palin hired a lawyer three weeks ago to act on her behalf as state legislators investigate whether she may have abused her power in firing the state public safety commissioner for refusing to fire her ex-brother-in-law, a state trooper.

A report of findings of

a legislative inquiry that began several weeks ago is expected to be released just days before Election Day.

Palin also revealed that her daughter Bristol is pregnant and will marry the baby's father.

John McCain was aware of Bristol Palin's pregnancy before he chose her mother for his running mate, a top adviser to the Republican presidential candidate said.

Asked how the unmarried teenager's pregnancy would be received by the American people, another senior McCain adviser, Steve Schmidt, replied, "I don't know; I'm not a psychic."

Internet

500th US service member dies in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Sept — A sailor killed in Afghanistan on Saturday was the 500th US service member to die in that country since the war there began in 2001. Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Harris of Lexington, North Carolina, was 36.

Twenty-two US service members were killed in Afghanistan in August, part of a recent increase in American deaths there. In 28 June, US service members died in Afghanistan — the United States' highest one-month total in that country.

Republican convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, said the disclosure of Bristol's pregnancy would not hurt the Republican ticket and may make Palin "a real person like all the rest of us."

Since the start of the Afghanistan war, 940 coalition troops have been killed, including Americans.

Internet

'Rare' mammoth skull discovered

AUVERGNE (France), 2 Sept — The "extremely rare" fossilised skull of a steppe mammoth has been unearthed in southern France.

The discovery in the Auvergne region could shed much needed light on the evolution of these mighty beasts.

Many isolated teeth of



The mammoth skull is estimated to be about 400,000 years old.—INTERNET

steppe mammoth have been found, but only a handful of skeletons exist; and in these surviving specimens, the skull is rarely intact.

Palaeontologists Frederic Lacombat and Dick Mol describe this skull specimen as being well preserved.

It belongs to a male steppe mammoth (*Mammuthus trogontherii*) that stood about 3.7m (12ft) tall and lived about 400,000

years ago, during Middle Pleistocene times.

The animal was about 35 years of age when it died, the researchers estimate. The steppe mammoth is of vital importance for understanding mammoth evolution.

It represents the transitional phase between an ancient species known as the southern mammoth and the more recent woolly mammoth.—*Internet*

Hurricane Hanna threatens US southeast coast



At the National Hurricane Centre in Miami, meteorologist Brian Mayer examines a video monitor, on 1 Sept, 2008, that displays an enhanced satellite image of the Atlantic Hurricane Basin and showing, from left to right, Hurricane Gustav, Tropical Storm Hanna and newly named Tropical Depression Nine.

PROVIDENCIALES, 2 Sept— Turks and Caicos – Hurricane Hanna stalled for hours over the southeastern Bahamas on Monday, lashing the islands with fierce winds and rain. Forecasters said it could threaten the southeast United States by midweek.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Ike emerged as a new threat in the open sea, as the National Hurricane Centre in Miami monitored three weaker weather systems moving westward across the Atlantic.

Hanna, with maximum sustained winds near 80 mph (130 kmh), lingered for much of the day near Mayaguana and nearby islands in the southeast Bahamas.

Internet

Russian newspapers hail ‘victory’ after EU summit

MOSCOW, 2 Sept— Russian newspapers on Tuesday hailed a victory for Moscow after the European Union froze talks on closer ties until Russian troops withdraw from Georgia but stopped short of imposing economic sanctions.

“Europe Can Keep Sucking Our Oil and Gas,” read a headline in the tabloid *Tvoi Den*, adding that the EU had not “given in to the hysterics” of British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Polish President Lech Kaczynski.

“The mutual dependency between Russia and the EU leaves no alternative to developing close bilateral relations. This was once again confirmed at the EU summit in Brussels,” said the government newspaper *Rossiiskaya Gazeta*.

“There is no mention of the introduction of economic sanctions in the final statement approved at the summit. This looks, at least at this stage, like a clear victory for proponents of dialogue with Moscow,” the daily said.

The *Kommersant* daily said the summit was “a victory for Russian diplomacy.” *Izvestia* said: “The main result of the Brussels summit of the EU is that most Europeans do not want to have a serious and long row with Moscow.”

Ahead of Monday’s emergency summit of the European Union, some EU members including Britain and Poland had called for harsher measures against Moscow following Russia’s five-day war with Georgia last month.

Internet

Taliban admit kidnapping Chinese engineers in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 2 Sept— Pakistani Taliban militants said Tuesday they had kidnapped two Chinese telecoms engineers and their entourage and would soon issue a list of demands.

The engineers went missing along with their local driver and a security guard four days ago near the Afghan border where they had been checking an installation. “Our men have kidnapped the two Chinese engineers and they are currently in our custody,” Muslim Khan, a spokesman for militants from the restive northwestern Swat valley, told *AFP*.

He confirmed that the driver and security guard were also being held.

“Our central consultative council will take a final decision about the fate of the engineers,” he said, adding that a list of demands would be put to government officials for their release.—*Internet*



Police fire tear gas as protesters attempt to disrupt the 2008 Republican National Convention near the site at the Xcel Energy Centre in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They came in their thousands— veterans, grandmothers, young families and even disgruntled Republicans bearing banners and peace flags, and calling in one voice to end the war in Iraq.—INTERNET

Oil steady in Asia but risks seen in new storms

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Sept— Oil prices hovered around \$111 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as the threat of Hurricane Gustav dissipated but traders predicted further risks with new storms on the radar and concerns over slowing demand.

Crude oil prices tumbled Monday as Gustav weakened more than expected and appeared to have caused little damage in New Orleans and surrounding areas.

There was some disruption to oil supplies as oil companies shut down production and evacuated facilities ahead of the storm. Altogether, about 2.4 million barrels of refining capacity had been halted, roughly 15 percent of the US total, according to figures from Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos. The Gulf Coast is home to nearly half of US refining capacity.



A worker on a deck of an off-shore oil platform construction site in Brazil, in August 2008. Brazil will on Tuesday start to tap a deepwater offshore oil field that could presage how difficult it will be to pump reserves in vast new fields located even farther out to sea.—INTERNET

Serial quakes hit Indonesia

JAKARTA, 2 Sept— A series of moderate quakes rocked western and eastern parts of Indonesia on Tuesday, with no report of damage or casualty, meteorology agency said here.

The first quake with magnitude of 5.2 struck at 07:06 Jakarta time (0006 GMT) with epicentre at 167 kilometres southwest Bengkulu province and at 30 kilometres in depth, an official of the agency said.

About three hours later, another quake with similar magnitude occurred, with epicentre at 201 kilometres northwest Saumlaki town of Maluku province and at 139 kilometres in depth, the official said.—*Internet*

Internet

20 die in South African blazes

JOHANNESBURG, 2 Sept— Runaway fires driven by strong winds across South Africa at the weekend killed at least 20 people, including two children, media reported Monday. An 18-year-old boy, eight-year-old girl and 11-year-old boy burnt to death, with five others hospitalized, in the Eastern Cape province after fire engulfed their shack, the *SAPA* news agency reported police as saying.

In northern part of KwaZulu-Natal, 14 people were killed while 25 others were taken to hospitals in several blazes that swept through the province, the EMRS ambulance service said in a statement.—*Internet*

A destroyed police vehicle is towed after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 1 Sept, 2008. A bomb attached to a car wounded three people, two of them policemen, after a bomb attack in Karrada district in central Baghdad on Monday, police said.—INTERNET



Zambia exhibitors to attend trade fair in China

LUSAKA, 2 Sept—The Zambian delegation of exhibitors to the 12th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) and Africa Commodities Exhibition (ACE) will leave this week for Xiamen, a coastal city in east China's Fujian Province, a senior trade official said on Tuesday.

Director of Industry at the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry Siazongo Siakalenge said the ministry had received overwhelming response from Zambian firms, particularly from the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) sectors.

He said the number of SMEs participating has risen to 57 and would be represented by 84 individuals.

Most of the exhibitors are in gemstone mining, manufacturing, financial services, and other services in the various sectors of the economy, Siakalenge said.

The CIFIT and ACE shows in Xiamen will take place from Monday to Thursday next week.—*Xinhua*



A corner tower on the rampart surrounding the ancient Forbidden City is reflected in the moat in central Beijing, China, on 31 Aug, 2008. Beijing has seen extra bright sunshine since Sunday. —XINHUA



An Indian soldier (Front) and his Pakistani counterpart attend the daily flag-lowering ceremony at sunset at the India-Pakistan border post in Wagah on 31 Aug, 2008. The daily flag-lowering ceremony at Wagah border post has become a tourist destination, attracting hundreds of people to either side of the frontier to cheer for each other. —XINHUA

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist dies at 89

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept—Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Edwin O Guthman, who played a key role in reporting the Watergate scandal that ended the presidency of Richard M Nixon in the 1970s, has died at the age of 89, his family said Monday.

Guthman died Sunday at his home in Pacific Palisades near Los Angeles following a long battle with amyloidosis, a rare blood disorder, a family spokesman said.

Guthman won a Pulitzer for national reporting in 1950 for his stories in *The Seattle Times* on the Washington Legislature's Un-American Activities Committee.

He went on to serve as an editor with the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and was national editor of *The Los Angeles Times* from 1965 to 1977.

He was also Press secretary for Attorney General and later Senator Robert F Kennedy from 1961 to 1965.—*Xinhua*

Violent crimes ravage Mexico in August

MEXICO CITY, 2 Sept—Organized crimes like kidnapping and murder led to the deaths of 550 people in Mexico last month, registering the highest crime rate so far this year, according to data released by the leading newspaper *Milenio*.

Nearly one million Mexicans marched across the country Saturday to protest the relentless tide of killings, abductions and shootouts, and demand government action to crack down on violent crimes.

The protests were triggered by the recent abduction and murder of a 14-year-old boy on his way to school.

The body of Fernando Marti was found in the trunk of a car in Mexico City on 1 Aug, even though his businessman father had paid the ransom demanded.

According to a survey, there were 400 cases of

abduction across the country in the first half of this year, equal to that for the whole of 2007. Most of the hostages were killed by the kidnappers.

On 16 Aug, a group of armed gangsters massacred 13 people, including a baby, in the town of Creel in the northern state of Chihuahua.

The violent crimes target not only entrepreneurs and civilians, but also police and drug traffickers.

On 20 Aug, two officers of the Mexican federal investigation bureau were killed on their way to Mexico and Toluca cities.

Seventy-five policemen have been killed in August alone, the *Milenio* reported.

Last week, a dozen headless bodies were found in the town of Buctzotz, 70 km northeast of Merida, home to Mexico's most popular beach resort, Cancun.

Xinhua

One killed in ship collision off Macao coast

MACAO, 2 Sept—A Cotai Jet ferry Tuesday collided with a fishing boat off the Macao coast, leading to one death and two injuries.

At around 11:45 am, the ferry, sailing from Hong Kong to Macao, hit the fishing boat on waters 75 sea miles off the coast of Macao, a Press official of the Special Administration Region's Maritime Administration, told *Xinhua* through telephone.

The official also said that the three persons on board the fishing boat, registered in the Chinese mainland, fell off into the sea after the collision, and one of them died when being rescued and rushed to Macao's hospitals. All the victims were mainlanders.—*Xinhua*

Six Nepali flood victims die in camps

KATHMANDU, 2 Sept—Six flood victims have so far lost their lives to diseases in temporary camps across Sunsari district, in southeastern Nepal, local newspaper *The Himalayan Times* reported Tuesday.

According to Sunsari Superintendent of Police (SP) Yadavraj Khanal, an infant child of Holi Mohammad of Sripur-8 died of pneumonia in Sunsari's Babiya-based Saraswoti High School camp on Monday morning. Five others, including an Indian woman displaced by the flood, lost their lives to cold related diseases, Sunsari Chief District Officer Durga Bhandari said.—*Xinhua*

S Korea's foreign exchange reserves fall in August

SEOUL, 2 Sept—South Korea's foreign exchange reserves dropped 4.32 billion US dollars in August to 243.2 billion dollars, falling for the fifth straight month, the Bank of Korea (BOK) said Tuesday. BOK attributed the fall to the massive dollar sales by foreign exchange authorities in July to bolster the local currency amid spiraling inflation.

Despite higher investment profits, foreign reserves fell in August as a stronger US dollar brought down the dollar value of assets in other currencies like the euro, said an official at the Bank

of Korea (BOK).

However, although the authorities unloaded about 9 billion US dollars in the market the local currency has declined more than 16 percent against the dollar so far this year.

Xinhua

Charlene Choi signs her name on T-shirts at the meeting for fans in Hong Kong.

XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Venezuela and South Africa to sign energy deal: official

JOHANNESBURG, 2 Sept —South Africa will sign an energy agreement with oil-rich Venezuela on Tuesday that could provide alternative energy sources to Africa’s powerhouse economy, the government said.

“Venezuela has one of the largest oil reserves in the world and developing commercial relations in this sector could provide alternative sources of energy to South Africa,” Foreign Affairs spokes-

man Ronnie Mamoepa said in a statement Monday. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez will arrive in South Africa later in the day on his first state visit to South Africa and is expected to discuss political, trade and economic relations with President Thabo Mbeki.

Also on the agenda is the strengthening of South-South relations - between the two continents - and the second Africa-South American

Community of Nations Summit to be hosted by Venezuela in November.

A crisis in South Africa’s coal-driven electricity supply brought the country’s key mining industry to a halt earlier this year with massive blackouts blamed for poor first quarter growth.

Venezuela, a member of oil cartel OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), has one of the world’s largest oil reserves.—Internet



A woman sits on a banana raft with her children in a village of Kurigram district, 240 kilometres (150 miles), north of Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 1 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

KDB confirms talks with Lehman on possible deal

SEOUL, 2 Sept—State-owned Korea Development Bank (KDB) confirmed on Tuesday that it was in talks with Lehman Brothers (LEH.N) for a possible investment in the troubled US bank, but other reports said the price of the deal remained an issue.

“Our CEO said a deal is ongoing and cannot disclose the content of it,” KDB spokesman Cho Hyun-ee said. Lehman, which has more than \$60 billion of mortgage and mortgage security exposure, is under pressure to raise capital ahead of its results announcement this month.

Yonhap news quoted KDB CEO Min Euoo-sung, who headed Lehman’s local operations until earlier this year, as saying that the bank was in discussions to form a consortium with private banks to jointly buy Lehman, but that a pricing gap with Lehman remained.

A senior executive of another top South Korean bank told *Reuters* on Tuesday that KDB had a substantial interest in Lehman, but that detailed terms of a possible agreement had yet to be determined.

He said his bank would delay any decision on whether to participate in a consortium to be formed by KDB, on concerns that the talks between Lehman and KDB could break down. The executive asked not to be named until an announcement was made.

Internet



A Palestinian woman waits to cross into Egypt at the Rafah border crossing in the southern Gaza Strip on 30 August. Egypt has closed the border crossing between Sinai and the Hamas-run Gaza Strip after a brief opening allowed thousands in and out of the besieged territory, a security official said.—INTERNET

Brazil’s trade surplus falls nearly quarter in August

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Sept — Brazil registered a surplus of 2.2 billion US dollars in August in international trade, down 24.8 percent from the same month last year, according to a report released on Monday.

According to the report, which was released by Brazil’s Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade, Brazilian exports amounted to 19.7 billion US dollars in August, up 43.2 percent from the same month of last year.

The imports reached a record high of 17.4 billion US dollars in August, the second consecutive month in which imports reached record high this year.

The accumulated surplus from January to August reached 16.9 billion US dollars, with an average of 101.2 million dollars per business day, down 37.7 percent from the same period last year. —Internet

Commerzbank to axe 9,000 jobs in Dresdner takeover

FRANKFURT, 2 Sept — Commerzbank (CBKG.DE) outlined its plans to cut 9,000 jobs and shrink investment bank Dresdner Kleinwort to a rump after

buying Dresdner Bank, but investors were unhappy about the \$14.5 billion deal.

Allianz (ALVG.DE) is selling the bank in two tranches to create a stronger German number two behind Deutsche Bank (DBKGn.DE).

It is a deal that will trigger one of the biggest rounds of job cuts in banking since the markets crisis began.

It is also an admission from Allianz —after seven years and billions in losses — that it does not need its own bank in order to sell insurance to bank customers.

In Germany, investors were skeptical that Commerzbank Chief Executive Martin Blessing could make the deal work.

Internet



A bomb blast victim is rushed to a hospital in Digos city. Five people have been killed and 32 others wounded when a powerful bomb ripped through a packed passenger bus in the southern Philippines, police and disaster officials have said.—INTERNET

GDF Suez buys US electric company First Light: report

PARIS, 2 Sept —New French energy giant GDF Suez was to announce Tuesday the acquisition of US electricity producer First Light, the daily *Le Figaro* reported, publishing an interview with GDF Suez CEO Gerard Mestrallet.

The takeover would cost 1.3 billion euros, or 835 euros per kilowatt, the paper said, adding that GDF Suez had won a contract for more than 650 million dollars for supplying energy to a number of US Defence Department sites.

First Light manages 15 power stations in the US totalling 1,500 megawatts and plans an additional 500 megawatts, Mestrallet said in the interview, adding that the acquisition would give his company a “sufficient production capacity” on the other side of the Atlantic.

GDF Suez had said Monday its first half net profit and sales rose by double digits, allowing it to confirm its forecasts for the year.—Internet

Myanmar's Endeavours for Literacy

Khin Myoe Myint Kyu (Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau)



Myanmar believes education as the enlightenment for success incomparable with other needs. From the very early days to the present time, Myanmar considered that education paved the way for success and is indispensable for the achievement of goals and success in life. The word torchlight has been accepted as a metaphor for education. In the Global Village, Myanmar is one who regards education as “noble” and treats it as a “pinnacle”.

Myanmar, treasures education, studies and learns as far as possible in its life. Education is thought of as a treasure-house and literacy is the prominent key in opening the gate of life achievements interlinked with education. In order to become literates, literacy programs have been done enthusiastically by all nationalities. It is known that the literacy rate in Myanmar before 1886, living in the Myanmar Kingdom era, was 85 percent approximately.

Britain colonized Myanmar in 1886 and thus Myanmar lost sovereignty. Since they wanted to colonize Myanmar for a long period of time, they planned and forced Myanmar to become illiterates so that Myanmar would be in the dark and probably blind with not enough knowledge and education. During that period, Myanmar was totally lost in the whirlpool of darkness, only a handful of Myanmar citizens had an opportunity to pursue education; the resultant effect being illiteracy on the rise.

Myanmar gained Independence in January 4, 1948. At that time, the literacy rate further declined to 35%, the main cause was the result of “British Colonial’s acrimonious plan”.

From that time onwards responsible personnel and educationist all over the country tried to develop literacy programs to eradicate illiterates. The literacy

movement in Myanmar can be separated into three periods according to its implementation plan.

- The First period was from 1948 to 1964;
- The second period was from 1964 to 1988; and
- The third period began from 1988 up to the present time.

During the first period, the literacy rate was increased from 35% in 1948 to 57% in 1963.

Continuous extensions of literacy programs were carried out actively and enthusiastically during the second period that is from 1964 to 1988. As a consequence the literacy rate was increased to 80.04% in 1988. Within these years, Myanmar achieved literacy triumphs. At that time more than three million adults were illiterates. About half million volunteer teachers enthusiastically taught basic literacy courses. Hence 2.4 million adults eventually became literates.

As a result, Myanmar was awarded two literacy prizes by UNESCO. The first being Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize in September 8, 1971 and the second is Noma Prize in September 8, 1983.

The period from 1988 to the present time has been regarded as the third period. Literacy programs were extended with the aim of Education-for-All. In accordance with Education-for-All programs, “formal education programs” and “non-formal education programs” are being carried out harmoniously.

Targeting all school-age children (that is from 5 to 9 years of age) to attend school and to complete primary education, efforts had been made not only by authorities concerned and education staff, but also by non-governmental social organizations and communities. This improved the enrolment rate and thus increased it from 91% to 98.01% for the academic year 1999-2000 to 2007-2008; 98.13% in 2008-2009 academic year.

In the Basic Education Sector, there were only 33,747 Basic Education Schools in 1988. However, the number of school was further increased to 40,553 in 2007 and 40,574 in 2008.

The intentions of studying secondary education in their respective localities, Post-Primary Schools were accordingly opened and it now reached 6,263 Post Primary Schools altogether. The transition rate from primary level to secondary level was also raised.

Ministry of Education has initiated opening of mobile schools in remote areas and rural areas lacking proper primary school education. Initiation of mobile school is, on one hand, aimed at providing all school-age children to pursue primary education in the suburbs. This program is meant for the school-age children who occasionally had to move from place to place along with their parents who earned their livings as seasonal laborers. Properly trained teachers have been assigned for these schools.

Non-formal education programs are being carried out for illiterates and neo-literates: Basic Literacy programs are for illiterates, whereas continuous

education programs are for neo-literates.

The “consistent literacy campaigns” produced an increment of literacy rate from 94.1% to 94.75% for the period from 2005 to 2007; 94.83% in 2008.

It is rather important that neo-literates acquire further post-literacy training to enhance their basic literacy skills, and hence continuing education programs played a vital role for them. These programs include Post-Literacy Program, Income Generating Program, Quality of Life Improvement Program and Equivalency Program.

In the implementation of continuous education programs, Community Learning Centers are being created which are then available for use as multipurpose learning-centers. Community Learning Centers are developed with the community, by the community, and for the community. Community Learning Center is constructed for the purpose of obtaining knowledge and skills, at any time, for everyone, without discrimination of gender, race, and religion: the current figure in 2008 is 2006.

Income generating Program is not only to improve their basic literacy but also to alleviate poverty. This program is conducted together with continuing education programs. The required knowledge and skills for the village production can be distributed through literacy booklets, pamphlets, posters, etc. Community Learning Centers can be used as a place for giving villagers hands-on experiences for required skills. As a result, the rural people can learn more to produce high quality products.

Non-formal Primary Education (NFPE) program is implemented as an equivalency program. This program has been provided for out-of-school children of 10-14 age groups who never enrolled or dropped out.

One of the significant literacy movements is the launching of the Inclusive Education Program in formal education. Although the enrolment rate is noticeably increased, there are still some excluded children including physically and intellectually handicapped children, children belonging to ethnic, linguistic and religious minorities, children living in poverty, child victims of trafficking, drug addiction, and children in correction centers. According to this Inclusive Education Program all those special needs children can get a chance to attend schools together with other normal children. Booklets, video tapes and VCDs are produced for inclusive education program.

The theme of International Literacy Day (ILD) 2008 is **“Literacy is the best remedy”**. Hence, Myanmar is now placing a special focus on the important relationship between literacy and health.

In conclusion, it can be said that the human resource development is now in full swing in all regions of the nation due to the Government’s earnest arrangements to uplift level of formal and non-formal education.

Myanmar to scale up tourist arrivals

YANGON, 2 Sept—The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism held a coordination meeting at Inya Lake Hotel, here, on 31 August to hold talks to increase the arrivals of tourists.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an introductory speech.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu touched upon related points

to be submitted to the meeting. Representatives from the Myanmar Hoteliers Association and the Myanmar Travels and Tour presented reports. Officials concerned from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Immigration and Population, and the Myanmar Airways

responded to the reports. Responsible persons from the Tour Mandalay,

and the Myanmar Foreign and Local Tourism Industry and Marketing Committee gave accounts for increasing the arrivals of foreign tourists. Officials from the ministries assessed the submissions.

The minister reviewed the discussions of the representatives and tourist guides from Bagan, Mandalay and Inlay hotel zones.—MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing addresses coordination meeting on future tasks for promoting tourist arrivals.

MNA

Forestry Minister meets FAO official

YANGON, 2 Sept — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung received Deputy Regional Representative Mr

Hiroyuki Konuma of Asia and Pacific Regional Office of Food and Agriculture Organization and FAO Resident

Representative Dr Shin Imai at the minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw this afternoon.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung receives Mr Hiroyuki Konuma, Deputy Regional Representative of Asia and Pacific Regional Office of FAO.

FORESTRY

New tarred road inaugurated in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 2 Sept—Organized by Thingangyun Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, the opening ceremony of new Pantra (Tawkha) tarred road was held in front of the archway of the new road in Nga/Kha ward, Thingangyun Township this morning.

USDA CEC member

(Yangon Division In-charge) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Secretary of Yangon Division USDA U Aye Myint and responsible persons opened the road.

Next, the CEC member and officials sprinkled the scented

water on the stone inscription and inspected the road.

The new road measuring 1320 feet in length and 12 feet in width was built under the arrangement of Yangon Division USDA.—MNA



Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa addresses opening of Advanced Organizing Course No. 15/2008 of MWVO. — MNA

MWVO shares organizing skills

YANGON, 2 Sept—An advanced-level organizing course (15/2008) of

Myanmar War Veterans Organization was opened at war veterans training

school in Nyaungnabin camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon

Division yesterday morning.

Member of Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa delivered a speech.

Similarly, advanced-level organizing courses (15/2008) were opened at war veterans training schools in Mandalay and Magway Divisions.

The four-week course is being attended by 50 trainees each.—MNA



Athletes get moral support

YANGON, 2 Sept—Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint met with athletes of Yangon Command Youth Football, Chess, Basketball and Martial Art teams who will take part in Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield (Army/Navy/Air) Sports Tournaments for 2008 at the meeting hall of Yangon Command this morning.

Altogether 91 athletes of Yangon Command will participate in football, chess, basketball and martial art tournaments. The command was awarded championship shields in chess and basketball tournaments last year.—MNA



**Commander
Brig-Gen Win Myint
meeting with athletes
of Yangon
Command.**
MNA

Swa Creek Bridge under construction

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected construction of Swa Creek Bridge across Swa Creek on Yangon-Mandalay Road today.

He visited the construction site, and at the briefing hall of the

project, the engineer-in-charge of the Bridge Construction Special Group-14 reported to him on works on construction of the bridge and future plans.

After hearing report, the minister called on completion of the bridge ahead of

schedule and timely completion of approach roads of the bridge.

Swa Creek Bridge is a reinforced type one and the four-lane bridge is 270 ft long and 48 ft wide. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.

MNA



President of UMFCCI U Win Myint meets Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono.—MNA

Want to learn in S'pore or Australia?

YANGON, 2 Sept—Bachelor degree in Commerce (Logistics/ Supply Chain Management) can be got from STI Education and partner universities, Singapore Institute of Materials Management and Curtin University of Technology in Australia. The bachelor degree is presented by Curtin University of Technology and master degree can be learnt if qualified. One can study diploma and advanced diploma in STI Yangon and study the final year in SIMM in Singapore and Curtin University of Technology in Australia.

The courses of STI Education cover courses of global universities, with well-experienced and qualified teachers and practice of discussion between teachers and students based on two-way communication system in addition to advanced teaching aids, STI Education becomes popular among knowledge seekers.

STI Education will hold workshop on Logistics/ Supply chain as a competitive advantage in a firm with case studies at Park Royal Hotel on 13 September, inviting SIMM. Mr Roger Lee, professor of SIMM will give talks, presenting with case studies and careers & education pathway in logistics and supply chain management at the workshop.

Those interested are to contact No. 7 Building 4 Myanmar Infotech, No. 377 Shwebontha Street (upper) or dial 507152, 507151, 507046, 507048, 250056, 700273.—MNA

Myanmar, Indonesia plan to boost trade

YANGON, 2 Sept — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-Chairmen of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin met

Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono at the UMFCCI office yesterday afternoon.

They discussed promotion of bilateral trade and investment,

cooperation in economic enterprises, exchange of trade missions and participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs in 23rd Trade Expo Indonesia to be held in Jakarta from 21 to 25 October. —MNA

Sky Home Language Center opens

YANGON, 2 Sept—Sky Home Language Center, Yangon branch of Tokyo West International Education Academy of Tokyo, Japan will open its new courses soon. For more information, those interested may dial Tel-535144, 535626, 09-5048520, 09-5014453 or contact E-mail-info@skyhome.info, skyhomelanguage@gmail.com and Website-www.skyhome.info.—MNA

Arctic acts as a refrigerator for the globe

BOULDER, 2 Sept—New satellite measurements show that crucial sea ice in the Arctic Ocean has plummeted to its second-lowest level on record.

Arctic ice always melts in summer and refreezes in winter. But more and more ice is being lost and not recovered.

The National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado, announced Wednesday that the extent of sea ice in the Arctic is down to 2.03 million square miles.

The lowest point on record is 1.65 million square miles set last September.

With about three weeks left in the melt season, the record may fall, scientists say. Arctic ice always melts in summer and refreezes in winter. But over the years,

more and more of the ice is lost to the sea and not recovered in winter.

That's important because the Arctic acts as a refrigerator for the globe.

Internet



Arctic ice always melts in summer and refreezes in winter. But more and more ice is being lost and not recovered.—INTERNET

McCain monthly fundraising hits record in August

ST PAUL (Minnesota), 2 Sept — US Republican presidential hopeful John McCain raised 47 million US dollars in August, his monthly best to date and nearly twice as much as the previous month.

His campaign told reporters in a conference call on Monday that some 10 million US dollars of the total was raised after the Republican presidential candidate named Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate — just three days prior to the end of the month.

Campaign spokesman

Brian Rogers called the swell the “Palineffect” and said supporters are noticing the campaign. “The campaign is heating up,” said Rogers. “It’s great.”

But even before Palin’s selection was announced, the campaign had surpassed its July total and would have had a record month. —MNA/Xinhua

17 feared dead as UN aid flight crashes in Congo

GENEVA (Switzerland), 2 Sept, — A humanitarian plane carrying 17 people — most of them relief workers — has crashed during a storm in a mountainous region in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Nations said Tuesday.

Search and rescue crews were not immediately able to land their helicopter in the area and determine whether anyone survived the crash in the east of the country, said Christophe Illemassene, spokesman for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in the capital city of Kinshasa.

But Air Serv International, the relief group that operated the plane, said an aerial survey has indicated that all the occupants on the Beechcraft 1900 plane died. The plane was on a routine flight from Kinsasha to the eastern city of Goma on Monday, with three stops, Illemassene said.

Air-traffic controllers lost contact with the plane when it approached Bukavu, the last of its three intermediate stops. The weather in the area was stormy at the time, Illemassene said.

Internet



The top of a building lies in the street after being taken down by the winds of Hurricane Gustav in downtown New Orleans, on 1 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

UNSG says insufficient progress made on water

ZARAGOZA (Spain), 2 Sept — One billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water and countries must try harder to reach their goals on sanitation, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said on Monday.

“There has been progress towards achieving the water and sanitation Millennium Development Goals, but not enough,” Ban said in a speech at the water-themed International Exposition in Zaragoza in northern Spain.

The goals, signed by UN member countries in 2000, aim to halve the number of people without access to safe drinking water by 2015. But the fall so far has only been 10 per cent, due to population growth and persistent poverty,

the UN chief said.

About 1.2 billion people have gained access to improved water sources since 1990, while estimates indicate the world population will rise to 9 billion from 6.5 billion by 2050.

“The international community, national governments and the private and non profit sectors still have much work to do between now and 2015,” Ban said. Climate change was making it more difficult to meet the water targets, he said.

“As the earth warms, people who rely on snowfall and glaciers in high mountain ranges to replenish their water supplies have serious cause for concern.”

MNA/Reuters

Police: Tycoon killed family in mansion arson

WEST MERCIA (UK), 2 Sept—British police said Tuesday they now believe a millionaire killed his wife and daughter before setting fire to their mansion home and killing himself.

Security cameras show a man, who police believe is Christopher Foster, rampaging through the estate’s grounds, torching outbuildings and blocking the entrance.

Two of the three bodies found in the burnt-out remains of the property 175 miles (280 kilometers) northwest of London, have been identified as Foster and his wife Jill. The third body has not yet been formally identified but police are working on the theory it is the couple’s 15-year-old daughter Kirstie.

West Mercia Police confirmed at a news

conference Tuesday: “The body of a man found in the burnt-out mansion has been identified as Christopher Foster ... Police believe Christopher Foster killed his wife and daughter before setting his mansion on fire and committing suicide.”

Detective Superintendent Jon Groves, who is leading the investigation, said: “This is

a very complex and unusual case and around 100 officers and staff have been working hard to establish the circumstances leading up to the fire at Osbaston House in the early hours of that Tuesday.

Three horses and four dogs were also found dead at the estate. Police said Sunday the animals had been shot.—Internet



Fourth man charged in Britain over Brown threats

LONDON, 2 Sept — British police on Monday charged a fourth man with terrorism offences over threats to kill Prime Minister Gordon Brown posted on a militant Islamist website.

Lancashire police said they had charged Muhammad Ali Mumtaz Ahmad, 24, from the northern town of Blackburn, with possessing an article for the purpose of committing an act of terrorism.

Police charged three

other men from Blackburn last week in connection with the case, one with soliciting murder and belonging to al-Qaeda. A fifth man remains in custody. They were all held after an investigation into threats posted on an Islamic militant website in January by a group calling itself al-Qaeda in Britain.

Brown and his predecessor Tony Blair were suggested as targets

of suicide attacks unless Britain withdrew its troops from Iraq and Afghanistan and released Muslims imprisoned in Britain.

Police have been on high alert after suicide attacks on London’s transport system in July 2005 killed 52 people. Several plots have been uncovered or have failed, including attempted car bombings in London and Scotland last year.

MNA/Reuters

Job training for 100,000 students

BEIJING, 2 Sept — Twelve vocational high schools will be built in the Pearl River Delta over the next few years to train up to 100,000 students from less-developed areas of Guangdong to meet the soaring demand for skilled workers in the region, a local education official said yesterday.

A *Nanfang Daily* report quoted Luo Weiqi, director of the provincial education department, as saying: "The development

of vocational education will be a priority over the next few years.

"A dozen vocational schools, each with 5,000 to 10,000 students, will be set up, and secondary schools in better developed areas of the Pearl River Delta region will be encouraged to work with their counterparts in less developed regions."

The delta region has long faced a shortage of labour, and skilled workers

are now in particularly high demand as the region seeks to switch focus from labour-intensive manufacturing to value-added industries.

In contrast, there is a surplus of unskilled workers in the northern, eastern and western regions of Guangdong.

Internet

Eight killed by Hurricane Gustav

NEW ORLEANS, 2 Sept — Eight people have been killed after Hurricane Gustav hit the US Gulf Coast, but so far the area has been spared major destruction.

Authorities reported eight deaths related to the hurricane, which prompted around two million

residents to flee their homes.

The storm weakened before hitting land with 110mph winds but levees appeared to hold, protecting the city devastated by Hurricane Katrina three years ago.

The 2005 storm flooded waters burst sea walls, swamping 80% of the city and stranding thousands of people.

Gustav's powerful storm surge pushed tons of water

into the Mississippi River, Lake Pontchartrain and New Orleans canals, putting pressure on barriers that were repaired or reconstructed after failing three years ago and prompting a tense watch for signs it would happen again. About 750,000 customers were without electricity and Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal said it could take more than two weeks to restore power to everyone. —*Internet*

Coffee may lower risk of uterus cancer: Japan study

TOKYO, 2 Sept — Women who drink a lot of coffee may have less risk of developing cancer of the uterus, a Japanese study said Monday.

The study led by Japan's Health Ministry monitored some 54,000 women aged 40 to 69 over about 15 years, during which time 117 women developed cancer in the womb, according to the medical team.

The researchers at Japan's National Cancer Centre divided the women into four groups by the amount of coffee they drank.

They found the group of women who drank more than three cups of coffee every day were more than 60 percent less likely to develop uterine cancer than those who had coffee fewer than two times a week, the study said. —*Internet*



Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi attends a ceremony in Shanghai on 1 Sept, 2008, celebrating the tenth anniversary of Platinum Guild International's entrance into the Chinese market. —INTERNET

Weather data to help monitoring for nuclear tests

GENEVA, 2 Sept — Weather data will help scan for nuclear tests and explosions under a tracking system unveiled on Monday by the UN weather agency and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO). Using a process called "atmospheric transport modeling," meteorological data will be used to detect radioactive particles and trace them back to where they originated from.

Cross-checked with other verification tools, the technique "allows for a much more accurate location of a potential nuclear explosion," the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said in a statement. "With the contribution of WMO's high-quality global meteorological data, CTBTO will be able to considerably improve its calculations for radioactive particles," it added. —*Internet*



Kent Couch lifts off from his gas station in Bend, Ore, in his lawn chair rigged with more than 150 giant party balloons. Couch, 48, is making his third cluster balloon flight and hopes to go more than 200 miles to Idaho before running out of daylight or helium.

Cell phone photo foils man in Pizza Hut plot

A man accused of trying to extort \$500 from a Pizza Hut in Elko was foiled by his own cellphone camera. Police said a former employee of the restaurant allegedly called the manager on

Friday and told him he had five Pizza Hut signs that are used on the roofs of vehicles and wouldn't return them unless he was paid \$500.

Police said the manager wanted proof that Long

had the signs. So the 23-year-old man sent him a cell phone picture that proved to be his undoing. Officers were able to zoom in on license plate numbers of two vehicles in the background that are registered to the man.

Spanish town blushes with annual tomato fight

Spanish revellers have pelted each with 113 tons of ripe tomatoes in an annual food fight. Town hall says an estimated 40,000 people took part in the hour of messy fun in the village of Bunol near Valencia. The ritual dates back to the 1940s. Some warriors in Wednesday's battle wore swimming goggles to protect themselves from the acid sting of projectiles in the form of pear-shaped tomatoes. Others swatted them away with tennis rackets.



A model wearing a wooden head piece displays a creation by Hokuto Katsui and Nao Yagi at the mintdesigns 2009 Spring/Summer collection during the Japan Fashion Week in Tokyo.



People look at one of the fountains of The Magic Circuit of Water in Lima. The Magic Circuit of Water in the Reserve Park, accepted by Guinness Record as the biggest fountains complex of the world, is a complex of thirteen fountains that combine movement, lights of several colours, sounds and Peruvian images.

Modesto man tries to amputate own arm

Police say a man tried to cut off his own arm at a restaurant in Modesto, Calif, because he thought he had injected air into a vein while shooting cocaine and feared he would die unless he took drastic action.

Authorities say 33-year-old Michael Lasiter rushed into the Denny's restaurant late Friday and started stabbing himself in one arm with a butter knife he grabbed from a table. They say that when that knife didn't work Lasiter took a butcher knife from the kitchen and dug it into his arm. Police Sgt Brian Findlen says Lasiter told officers he thought he needed to amputate his arm to keep himself from dying from the cocaine injection.

Lasiter was taken to a hospital for treatment of severe cuts. The Denny's closed for the night.

NEWSALBUM



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၅။ ခေတ်ပြောင်းပို့ဆောင်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နေပြည်တော် တွင် ကုမ်းပမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဝိပိ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာနအတွင်းရှိ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နံပါတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၃ - ၉ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာ တင်စာစောင်ကို မိတ်ပုံအတိုင်း တစ်ပုံနှင့် တွဲ၍ ဖြည့်စုံတင်သွင်းရမည်။

၇။ ၁၀ - ၁၀ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့နှင့် ၁၂ - ၁၀ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် စစ်ခံခြင်းခံယူရမည်။

၈။ ၁၀ - ၁၀ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့မှ စ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နံပါတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့် ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၉။ အခြားစုံစမ်းမှုများရှိပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နံပါတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၈၇ - ၄၀၉၀၅၂ နှင့် ၀၈၇ - ၄၀၉၀၄၀) သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ် စုံစမ်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာနှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ Website မှာဖြစ်သော csstb.imis.com.mm နှင့် www.csstb.gov.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။



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Civil Service Selection and Training Board

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၂၃ / ၂၀၀၈
၁၃၇၀ ပြည့်နှစ်၊ ဝါခေါင်လပြည့်ကျော် ၁၂ ရက်
(၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ်၊ ဩဂုတ်လ ၂၈ ရက်)

၁။ အမှတ်(၁)လျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ခေတ်ပြောင်းပို့ဆောင်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ လျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အားထုတ်လုပ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လက်လှမ်းလျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးများအတွက်လျှောက်လွှာများ တင်သွင်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

စဉ်	ရာထူး	လက်လှမ်း	ဝင်ညာအရည်အချင်း
(က)	လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ (အမျိုးသား) ၃၀ နေရာ	၁ နေရာ	စက်မှုတင်လုပ်နည်းပညာ (B.E (Mechanical))
(ခ)	လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ (အမျိုးသား) ၃၀ နေရာ	၁ နေရာ	လျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အားတင်လုပ်နည်းပညာ (B.E(Electrical Power))

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုပြန်ဟင်္ဂင်သားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၂၃-၉-၂၀၀၈ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၁၇ နှစ်(ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက်မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နံပါတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၃-၉-၂၀၀၈ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာပေးရန်အတွက် လူကိုယ်တိုင် ဖြစ်စေ၊ မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေး လုပ်ငန်း အခြေခံအုတ် (သို့မဟုတ်) မှတ်ပုံတင်စာဖြင့် ဖြစ်စေ ဖော်ပြနိုင်ပါသည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ ပြည့်စုံမှုမရှိဘဲ တရားမတော်တရား ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့် နည်းလမ်း၊ ခေတ်ပြောင်းပို့ဆောင်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအခွင့်အလမ်း ၁၈ - ၅ - ၂၀၀၇ ရက်နေ့ပါ စာအမှတ်၊ ၆၉၆/ နေပြည်တော်(အစီအစဉ်)/ ၂၀၀၇ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့် အညီ လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ခေတ်ပြောင်းပို့ဆောင်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နေပြည်တော် တွင် ကုမ်းပမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဝိပိ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာနအတွင်းရှိ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နံပါတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၃ - ၉ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာ တင်စာစောင်ကို မိတ်ပုံအတိုင်း တစ်ပုံနှင့် တွဲ၍ ဖြည့်စုံတင်သွင်းရမည်။

၇။ ၁၀ - ၁၀ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့နှင့် ၁၂ - ၁၀ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် စစ်ခံခြင်းခံယူရမည်။

၈။ ၁၀ - ၁၀ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့မှ စ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နံပါတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့် ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၉။ အခြားစုံစမ်းမှုများရှိပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ နံပါတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၈၇ - ၄၀၉၀၅၂ နှင့် ၀၈၇ - ၄၀၉၀၄၀) သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ် စုံစမ်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာနှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ Website မှာဖြစ်သော csstb.imis.com.mm နှင့် www.csstb.gov.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA RAKAN VOY NO (027)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAKAN VOY NO (027) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.9.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

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TRADE MARK CAUTION

HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA (HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD.) of No. 1-1, 2-chome, Minami-aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

TURFUP

Reg. No.1606/2000

in respect of "Vehicles; apparatus for locomotion by land, air or water, and their parts, especially tyres for vehicles wheels, and accessories for all the aforesaid goods".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin
M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
Dated: 3 September 2008

TRADEMARK CAUTION

We, FUJIFILM Corporation, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, of 26-30, Nishiazabu 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, Manufacturers and Merchants, hereby give notice that we are the Owners and Sole Proprietors of the following trademark:

NEOPAN

The said trademark is used in respect of the description of goods following, that is to say:

"Photographic materials."

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use or any other infringement whatsoever of this trademark will be dealt with according to law.

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Spanish police captures 22 drug traffickers, over 2 tons of hashish

MADRID, 2 Sept—The Spanish police force said Monday that they detained 22 drug traffickers and seized 2.28 tons of hashish in a recent operation against a drug trafficking organization. Besides, 11 vehicles with three of them reported as stolen, two boats, a gun, and mobile communication materials were also seized in the operation, said the Spanish Civil Guard in a statement.

Without disclosing the date of the operation, the civil guard said the criminal organization was engaged in the smuggling and distribution of hashish from the north of Morocco to Europe.—Internet

Fifteen dead in China fireworks plant blast

HOHHOTS, 2 Sept—Authorities in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on Sunday confirmed 15 people died and six were injured in an explosion at a fireworks plant on Saturday. The accident was the worst amid a series of explosions since October 2005 in this township of Sijizi, Aohan Banner in Chifeng City.

The blast happened at about 10:13 am on Saturday at the Xinxin Fireworks Plant in Sijizi Township of Aohan Banner, killing 13 workers instantly and injuring six others, two seriously. It also destroyed about 50 workshops, a regional works safety bureau spokesman said.—MNA/Xinhua

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FUJI

The said trademark is used in respect of the description of goods following, that is to say:

"Photosensitized materials, for instance, photographic films and various kinds of films, plates, photographic papers, photographic chemicals; cameras and photographic supplies, for instance, cameras, lenses, enlargers, enlarging paper holders, synchroflash, synchronizer tester, sheath, safelight lamps, safelight glasses, developing hanger, film clips, lens and filters."

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use or any other infringement whatsoever of this trademark will be dealt with according to law.

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Yangon. 3 September 2008

TRADE MARK CAUTION

EISAI R & D MANAGEMENT CO., LTD., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, of 6-10, Koishikawa 4-chome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, 112-8088, Japan, is the Owner of the following Trade Marks:-

MERISLON

Reg. No. 3676/1996

METHY COBAL

Reg. No. 3681/1996

SIDUOL

Reg. No. 3683/1996

in respect of "Pharmaceutical preparations and substances and other goods included in Int'l Class 5".

ARICEPT

Reg. No. 3682/1996

in respect of "Pharmaceutical preparations and substances."

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Marks will be dealt with according to law.

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P. O. Box 60, Yangon
Dated: 3 September 2008

Donate Blood

Four killed in Colombian rebel car bombing

BOGOTA, 2 Sept—Four people were killed and around 20 wounded when a guerilla car bomb exploded in the Colombian city of Cali, damaging a court building in one of the worst urban attacks this year, authorities said on Monday.

The bomb ripped walls off several floors of the local judicial offices, destroying nearby stores and scattering rubble and twisted wreckage over a main street in an attack officials blamed on the country's FARC rebel group.

"There are clear indications this was the FARC," Defence Minister Juan Manuel Santos said at the bomb site. "This is the desperate act by the FARC to try to show their presence."

Colombia's four-decade war has eased as President Alvaro Uribe has used billions of dollars in US aid to send troops to drive rebels back into the remote jungles and mountains. —MNA/Reuters

Sri Lanka fighting kills 84, airstrikes hit rebels

COLOMBO, 2 Sept — Sri Lankan jets and helicopters blasted Tamil Tiger rebel positions on Monday after three days of combat killed at least 84 people, part of a military offensive towards the separatists' de facto capital.

Fighting since Friday killed 70 insurgents and wounded 77 others, while 14 troops were killed and 53 were wounded at several locations along a shifting frontline in the north of the Indian Ocean island nation, the Army said. — MNA/Reuters

Afghans protest against civilian deaths by int'l troops

KABUL, 2 Sept — Hundreds of citizens in Afghan capital Kabul rushed into streets and burnt tires on the Kabul-Jalalabad highway on Monday protesting against the death of a Kabuli family caused by the raid of US-led Coalition forces.

The protesters said that three members of a family, two children and the father, were killed while the Coalition forces in a surprise raid early Monday morning threw grenades on their house in Hud Kheil area of eastern Kabul.

Neither NATO troops

nor the Coalition forces were available to make comments immediately.

The demonstration came after a string of cases resulting civilian casualties by international troops in the past month as Afghan Government's investigating team on Sunday confirmed that 90

non-combatants were killed in the US air raids on 22 August in the west Herat Province.

Under the escalating pressure and fury of locals, Afghan Cabinet has called for regulating the authority and responsibilities of international troops in the war-torn country after the huge civilian casualties in western Herat Province.

Conflicts and spiraling insurgency have claimed over 3,200 people's lives with more than 800 civilians so far this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Three injured in plane crash in eastern Canada

OTTAWA, 2 Sept—Three people were injured, two of them critically, when a small plane crashed in Canada's Ontario province Monday, police said. The three young men were in a small plane that landed in a hayfield near Toronto early in the morning, said Const Sally Stewart of the Ontario Provincial Police.

The plane, a Cessna four-seater 172 owned by the Brampton Flying Club, took off from the city of Brampton earlier in the morning.

The pilot called police on his cell phone following the crash. The crash site is a no-fly zone. The Transportation Safety Board is investigating the case.—Internet

Thawing permafrost likely to boost global warming, says study

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—The thawing of permafrost in northern latitudes, which greatly increases microbial decomposition of carbon compounds in soil, will dominate other effects of warming in the region and could become a major force promoting the release of carbon dioxide and thus further warming, according to a new assessment in the Sept issue of *BioScience*.

The study, by an international team of researchers, more than doubles previous estimates of the amount of carbon stored in the permafrost: the new figure is equivalent to twice the total amount of atmospheric carbon dioxide. The authors conclude that releases of the gas from melting permafrost could



A handout photo from 2004 shows coastal erosion of mud-rich permafrost along on Beaufort Sea coastline Drew Point in Alaska.—INTERNET

amount to roughly half those resulting from global land-use change during this century.

Researchers refine earlier assessments by considering complex processes that mix soil from different depths during melting and freezing of permafrost, which occur to some degree every year. They judge that over millennia, soil processes

have buried and frozen over a trillion metric tons of organic compounds in the world's vast permafrost regions.

The relatively rapid warming now under way is bringing the organic material back into the ecosystem, in part by turning over soil, said the researchers.

Internet

NATO should cooperate with Russia on Georgia issue

PRAGUE, 2 Sept—NATO should cooperate with Russia on the issue of Georgia, otherwise it might be defeated in Afghanistan because Russia would make it difficult or impossible for NATO to supply the allied troops, Semyon Bagdasarov, member of the Russian State Duma, told Czech Television (CT) on Sunday.

Bagdasarov, member of the pro-government Fair Russia party, indicated that Moscow might disconnect crucial transport routes going over Russian territory by which the alliance transport its rotating troops and supplies for them.

NATO needed Russia more than Russia needed

NATO, he said, adding that NATO's Afghan allies were behind the production of up to 80 per cent drugs that get to Europe via Russia.

Russia agreed only in the spring that NATO transport its supplies and soldiers over its territory, according to Czech media. Georgia, a former Soviet republic, has long been at

odds with Russia over its two breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, as well as its own bids to join NATO and the European Union.

Earlier this month, Georgia sent in troops to reclaim South Ossetia, its breakaway region, triggering a military counter-offensive by Russia.—MNA/Xinhua

Two men wade through flood waters in Madhepura district in Bihar, India, on 1 Sept, 2008.
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Beckham’s LA Galaxy to return to New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 2 Sept — David Beckham's LA Galaxy team will return to New Zealand in December for an exhibition match in Auckland, officials said Tuesday.

The US Major League Soccer team and its English celebrity skipper played the Wellington Phoenix in an exhibition late last year and will return to the country for a match against an Oceania All Stars team.

A crowd of nearly 32,000 saw Beckham's team beat the Wellington team 4-1 last year and up to 40,000 are expected for the Auckland match.

The Galaxy will play an Oceania All Stars invitational team captained by New Caledonian and French player Christian Karembeu.

There are hopes of including three international players from outside the Oceania region, officials said.

Internet

Liverpool sign Riera, offload Finnan and Voronin



Liverpool have signed Spain winger Albert Riera, pictured in 2007, from Spanish first division side Espanyol for an undisclosed fee to boost their attacking options, the English club said on Monday.—INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 2 Sept — Liverpool signed Spain winger Albert Riera and offloaded veteran defender Steve Finnan and Ukraine striker Andriy Voronin in a busy transfer deadline day at Anfield on Monday.

But as Riera's arrival from Spanish first division side Espanyol was confirmed, the club suffered a setback when striker Fernando Torres was ruled out of action for two to three weeks with a hamstring tear. Riera, 26, has signed a four-year contract for a transfer fee believed to be around eight million pounds after turning down a host of other clubs including Liverpool's city neighbours Everton.—Internet

Serena, Venus set up US Open sister showdown

NEW YORK, 2 Sept — Serena Williams will face sister Venus at the US Open for the fourth time after bringing Severine Bremond's wild card run to a halt with a 6-2, 6-2 victory.

Serena and Venus have met 16 times previously with both winning eight matches, but this will be the first time they have met in the quarter-finals of a Grand Slam tournament.

Seventh-seeded Venus, who eliminated Polish ninth seed Agnieszka Radwanska 6-1, 6-3 on Monday, said life on the court would be easier if she didn't have a superstar sister.

Internet



The USA’s Venus Williams at the US Open tennis tournament on 30 August in New York. The two-time US Open champion has avenged an earlier loss by routing ninth seed Agnieszka Radwanska 6-1, 6-3 to set up a showdown with sister Serena in the quarter-finals.

Internet



Japanese ace loses US Open showdown of teen stars

NEW YORK, 2 Sept — Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro ended the US Open dream run of Japan's Kei Nishikori with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 triumph in a fourth-round matchup of teen stars seen as destined for

Argentina’s Juan Martin Del Potro, seen here, ended the US Open dream run of Japan’s Kei Nishikori with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 triumph in a fourth-round matchup of teen stars seen as destined for greatness.—INTERNET

greatness.

The 19-year-old South American stretched his winning streak to 23 matches on Monday and became the first teen in the last eight at the US Open since American Andy Roddick in 2001, denying the honour to his 18-year-old Asian rival.

“It’s unbelievable. I don’t know what happened with me and my tennis but it has been a great week for me,” Del Potro said.—Internet

Robinho joins Manchester City

LONDON, 2 Sept — Manchester City signed Brazil striker Robinho from Real Madrid for a fee of around 42 million euros (61.6 million dollars), the English Premier League club confirmed on Tuesday.

Robinho agreed a four-year contract with Mark Hughes's side shortly before the close of the transfer window.

The 24-year-old had repeatedly said he wanted to join Chelsea but Real's president Ramon Calderon told news radio Cadena Ser that the English club only offered 30 million euros for the player. City took advantage of the stalemate to make a shock move on the

same day that United Arab Emirates-based investment group, Abu Dhabi United Group for Development and Investment (ADUG), agreed to buy the club.

Internet



Real Madrid's Brazilian player Robinho attends a news conference on 31 August in Madrid. Manchester City signed Brazil striker Robinho from Real Madrid for a fee of around 42 million euros (61.6 million dollars), the English Premier League club confirmed on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Nadal withstands fierce test to reach US Open quarter-final

NEW YORK, 2 Sept — World number one Rafael Nadal battled his way into the US Open quarter-finals, outlasting 55th-ranked Sam Querrey 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (7/2), 6-3 to match his best career showing at the Grand Slam event.

The reigning Wimbledon, French Open and Olympic champion is trying to become only the fourth man to win three Slam singles crowns in a row, joining Pete Sampras, Rod Laver and the man he dethroned atop the rankings, Roger Federer.

“Very tough,” Nadal said. “I’m very happy for the victory. Now I'm in my best round at the US Open and I hope to play better in the next round.”

Internet

Berbatov joins Man Utd

LONDON, 2 Sept — Manchester United beat the transfer deadline to complete a 30.75 million pounds (37.7 million euros) deal for Tottenham striker Dimitar Berbatov on Tuesday.

Berbatov, 27, agreed a four-year contract with United and Tottenham confirmed the deal on their website 45 minutes after the transfer window shut.

Manchester City had tried to lure Berbatov to Eastlands after having an offer accepted for the Bulgarian, but he opted to join the European champions following talks with United manager Sir Alex Ferguson at the club's Carrington training ground.

United's young striker Fraizer Campbell has gone to Tottenham in a year-long loan as part of the deal, while the London club have agreed not to pursue a complaint against United for making an illegal approach to the player.

Berbatov passed a medical at a south Manchester hospital and then went to Old Trafford, where he put pen to paper on the deal with Ferguson and United chief executive David Gill.—Internet



Manchester United beat the transfer deadline to complete a 30.75 million pounds (37.7 million euros) deal for Tottenham striker Dimitar Berbatov, pictured in July 2008, on Tuesday.—INTERNET



In a photo provided by Benoit Photo, Stardom Bound and jockey Mike Smith win the Grade 1, \$250,000 Del Mar Debutante horse race on 1 Sept, 2008, at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club in Del Mar, Calif.—INTERNET

South Korea’s Park signs for Monaco

MONACO, 2 Sept — South Korean attacking midfielder Park Chu-Young has signed for Monaco, the French first division club said on Monday.

The 23-year-old Park, previously with FC Seoul, left for France on Sunday and has now signed a four-year deal for a reported three million-dollar fee (2.04m euros).

The 2005 South Korean league top goal scorer is the fourth from this country to play in France.

Park, who was first capped for his country in 2005, is seen as one of the most talented young players in Asian football.

INTERNET

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Photo taken on 1 Sept, 2008 shows a cliff carving in the shape of a human face, in the Helan Mountains in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Over 700 face-like cliff carvings turn into a unique scenery for the mountain.—INTERNET

Obama, McCain virtually tied in race for White House poll

ST PAUL (United States), 2 Sept — As the Republican National Convention is about start in St. Paul, Minnesota, later Monday, a poll released here Monday showed the race between Democratic Barack Obama and his Republican rival John McCain for the White House remains virtually tied.

The poll, released by CNN, found that the Democratic team of presidential nominee Barack Obama and his running mate Joe Biden

and the Republican team of John McCain and Sarah Palin were in a virtual tie. The Obama-Biden ticket led the McCain-Palin ticket by one point, 49 per cent to 48 per cent, within the statistical margin of error.

The survey was conducted last Friday through last Sunday among 927 voters, after the conclusion of the Democratic National Convention and McCain's selection of Palin, the Alaska Governor, as his running mate.

MNA/Xinhua

Chavez threatens to expel US Ambassador

CARACAS, 2 Sept — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez threatened to expel the US Ambassador in a dispute over drug-trafficking that could worsen already frayed ties between the South American nation and its biggest oil customer.

Chavez, who spars with the United States over everything from oil prices and free trade to democracy, has made similar threats before without following through on them.

This time, he was responding to US criticism that Venezuela should do more to stop cocaine flowing through the

country from neighbouring Colombia, the world's No 1 exporter of the drug. Chavez ended formal anti-drugs work with the United States in 2005 and refuses to renew a cooperation accord.

"We are not going to accept interference in our internal affairs," Chavez said on his weekly TV programme on Sunday. "If you violate international norms, then you would have to leave this country... You might have to grab your suitcases and get out of Venezuela, so choose your words more carefully your excellency, Mr Ambassador." —MNA/Reuters

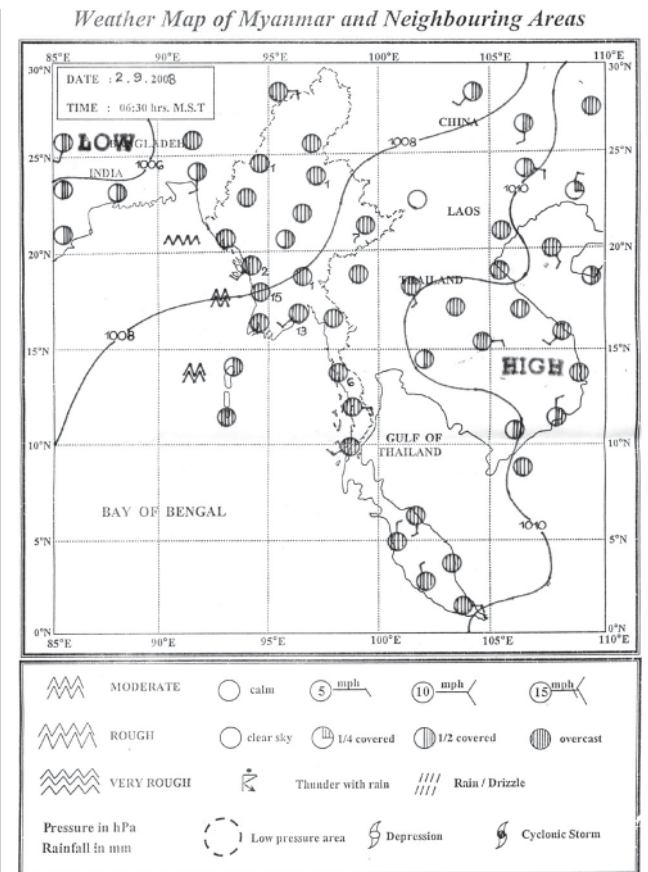
100-year-old woman found shot dead in New York home

NEW YORK, 2 Sept — A 100-year-old woman was found shot death in her home in Long Island of New York, according to a report available on www.ny1.com Monday.

Police said Jessie Burke was discovered by her daughter Sunday afternoon when she returned from the grocery store. The woman was found in sitting in a chair in the den.

Police said there was no sign of forced entry and apparently nothing was stolen from the home. Her death was ruled a homicide.

Burke was described as a spry woman who loved crossword puzzles. She lived with her daughter, and had three other children. Police have not questioned the daughter in the slaying. —MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 2 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State and Ayeyawady Division, scattered in Rakhine State, Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.12) inch, Hkamti (2.84) inches, Machanbaw (2.64) inches, Kyaukpau (2.21) inches, Bago (2.09) inches, Loikaw (1.38) inches, Gwa (1.22) inches and Zaungtu (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-9-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 2-9-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-9-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 1-9-2008 was (2.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-9-2008 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (80.87) inches at Mingaladon, (91.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (21:30) hours MST on 1-9-2008.

Bay inference: Monsoon is feeble in the Andaman Sea and weak in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Chin States, fairly widespread in Rakhine, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Bago, Ayeyawady, Mandalay, and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday,
3 September
View on today

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- Morning news

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- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

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- မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

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8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Musical programme

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- Dance variety

4:20 pm

- သီချင်းကြီးပဒေသာ

4:30 pm

- Musical programme

4:45 pm

- Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

- ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်

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- ရောပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွှင့်ပြင်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- မြန်မာ့လေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:55 pm

- ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:20 pm

- ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather report

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- ★ VOA deceiving
- ★ RFA setting up hostilities
- ★ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Durability of power lines stressed

YANGON, 2 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with officials inspected control panel and installation of new blue phase current transformer

(33KV) at Thakayta natural gas-fired turbine on 30 August.

The minister heard reports presented by Deputy Chief Engineer U Khin Maung Oo and officials.

Next, the minister called for systemic measures on installation of new current transformer and durability of power lines and transformer and fulfilled the needs.

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Advocate U Kyi Win allowed to meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at her request

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—At the request of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi that she wanted to hold some discussions with advocate U Kyi Win for the third time, officials concerned made arrangements for him to meet her at her residence at about 9 am on 1 September.

Officials concerned gave him a message to her that in compliance with

the suggestions of the United Nations, the government had made arrangements for another meeting between her and Relations Minister U Aung Kyi at Seinle Kantha guest house at 1 pm on 2 September; and that Dr Tin Myo Win would visit the residence at 1 pm on 1 September to give medical check-ups to her and Daw Khin Khin Win and

child.

After holding a meeting with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, U Kyi Win left the residence at 9.55 am, and reported to the officials that regarding the programme to meet with U Aung Kyi, for the time being, she wanted to meet no one, except advocate U Kyi Win, and she was unavailable to meet Dr Tin Myo Win that day.—MNA

Google launches internet browser

Google is launching an open source web browser to compete with Internet Explorer and Firefox.

The browser is designed to be fast, and to cope with the next generation of web applications that rely on graphics and multimedia.

Called Chrome, it will launch as a beta for Windows machines in 100 countries, with Mac and Linux versions to come.

“We realised... we needed to completely rethink the browser,” said Google’s Sundar Pichai in a blog post.

The new browser will help Google take advantage of developments it is pushing online in rich web applications that are challenging traditional desktop programs.

Google has a suite of web apps, such as Documents, Picasa and Maps which offer functionality that is beginning to re-

place offline software.

“What we really needed was not just a browser, but also a modern platform for web pages and applications, and that’s what we set out to build,” Mr Pichai, VP Product Management, wrote.

The launch of a beta version of Chrome on Tuesday evening (UK time) will be Google’s latest assault on Microsoft’s dominance of the PC business. The firm’s Internet Explorer program dominates the browser landscape, with 80% of the market.

Those already in the browser space were quick to respond to the news.

Writing in his blog, John Lilly, chief executive of Mozilla was sanguine about the new rival in the browsersphere.

Internet

Basic Accounting Course in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

YANGON, 2 Sept — Under the supervision of Auditor-General’s Office, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District Accounts Office is to conduct a book-keeping and store accounting course in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana soon. Those who have passed the matriculation ex-

amination may attend the three-month course which will open in weekends. Those wishing to attend the course may apply to the accounts office on 17th Paunglaung Road beginning 27 August. Dial 067-23925 for further information.

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Local, foreign resource persons discuss copyright system

YANGON, 2 Sept — Jointly organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and World Intellectual Property Organization, the seminar on the Role

of the Copyright System on Promotion of Publishing Industry continued for the second day at Parkroyal Hotel, here, this morning.

Local and foreign

resource persons presented their papers and answered the queries raised by those present.

The seminar continues tomorrow.

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Seminar on Role of the Copyright System on Promotion of Publishing Industry continues for the second day. — MNA

4th Traffic Rules Educative Show on 10 Nov

YANGON, 2 Sept — Organized by Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, the fourth educative show on rules will be organized at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wizaya road, here, from 10 to 16

November.

Altogether 36 booths of departments concerned and 67 booths of companies totaling 113 booths will be displayed at the show.

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Kyaukphyu to mark 180th birthday

YANGON, 2 Sept — Kyaukphyu Association (Yangon) will publish a magazine to mark 180th anniversary of the founding of Kyaukphyu.

Articles, novels, poems, jokes are invited to feature in the magazine, and those wishing to contribute to the magazine may contact U San Mya, No 137,

38th Street, Kyauktada Township, Ph 388608; U Khin Maung Soe (Maung Paw Tun), No 349, Zaya 8th Street, Ward-10, South Okkalapa Township, Ph 564662 and U Aung Kyaw Zan, No 69, 6th Floor, Kyaukmyaung Road, Tamway Township, Ph 09 513 8513.

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